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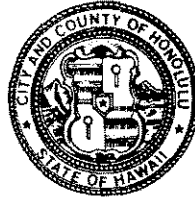
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December 29, 2006

The Honorable Charles Djou, Councilmember
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Councilmember Djou:

Subject: Coordinated Comments for Bill 85

This is in reply to your October 18, 2006 memorandum, requesting comments on your proposed DRAFT bill establishing joint approval for sewer projects in the Primary Urban Center. Our comments, which include those from the Departments of Design and Construction and Environmental Services, are as follows:

The coordinated review and approval process has been in existence for more than 30 years. Even with the division of responsibilities with the reorganization of the City, between the three (3) Departments - Planning and Permitting (DPP), Design and Construction (DDC), and Environmental Services (ENV) - coordination of the review and approval for the complex projects continues. However, if we take the language of the Bill literally, the building permit, construction plan and master plan review and approval process will become long and tedious. For example, if a retail dress shop with 600 square-feet of floor area is changed to a 1,200-square-foot floral shop, the way the Bill is written, the "joint" review and approval committee will need to convene, discuss, and agree to allow or deny the application. Under the current process, only DPP reviews the application, taking approximately 15 minutes to make a decision. Under the Bill's language, it would probably take months due to the manpower required by the other Departments, resulting in a lengthy delay in permit processing. We will no longer have an over-the-counter review and approval for a number of projects if the Bill is adopted.

Should the Bill be adopted into law and an Annual Report required, it will definitely indicate that the number of applications processed will decline dramatically.

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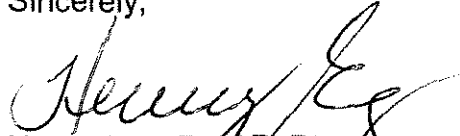
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If there are any questions, please call Dennis Nishimura of my Wastewater Branch at 527-6064.

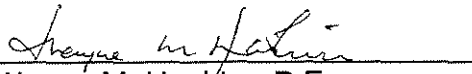
Sincerely,

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Henry Eng, FAICP, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

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Wayne M. Hashiro, P.E.
Managing Director